
IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A connector comprising:

a generally rectangular card;

a housing having a generally box-shaped housing space for housing said card, said housing space including a first side face, two second side faces adjoining said first side face, and an insert face adjoining said first side face and said second side faces for admitting said ~~inserted card~~ through said insert face;

wherein said housing has an engaging portion formed along said first side face of said housing space, and a pair of holding portions formed along said second side faces, each of said holding portions having a flexible portion extending along each of said second side face faces away from said engaging portion and elastically deformable outside, said flexible portion being bent elastically outside when being pushed, and a first planar lock piece disposed along said flexible portion for covering a portion of said insert face with a face of said planar lock piece, said first planar lock piece comprising a free edge on an inner side of the first lock piece with respect to the housing; and

a second lock piece ~~generally disposed at right angles to a forefront of the flexible portion for covering a portion of an open surface adjoining the insert face and a forefront of the flexible portion, the open surface being generally disposed at right angles to the insert face and an extending direction of the flexible portion, said second lock piece being generally disposed on the open surface from the forefront of the flexible portion;~~

~~whereby wherein said lock pieces are~~ first planar lock piece is pushed on said free edge by each end edges edge of said card to open outside when one end side of said card is engaged to said engaging portion and the other end side of said card is turned toward said housing, and said lock pieces lock-locks said card when said card is housed in said housing space.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The connector according to claim 1,

wherein at least a portion of the free edge on an inner side of the housing end edge of said lock piece which touches said card is chamfered.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The connector according to claim 1 or 2, wherein an angle formed between the free edge ~~end edges of said lock pieces~~ and the extending direction of the flexible portion ~~end edges of said card is 0 degrees or more, and less than 90 degrees~~ ranges from 0 to 45 degrees.

4. (ORIGINAL) The connector according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the one end side of said card is housed in said housing space and the other end side of said card is not housed in said housing space when one end side of said card is engaged to said engaging portions.

5. (CANCELED)

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A housing comprising:
a generally box-shaped housing space for housing a generally rectangular card, said housing space including a first side face, two second side faces adjoining said first side face, and an insert face adjoining said first side face and said second side faces for admitting said ~~inserted card~~ through the insert face;
an engaging portion formed along said first side face of said housing space;

a pair of holding portions formed along said second side faces, respectively, each of said holding portions having a flexible portions ~~portion~~ extending along said second side ~~face-faces, respectively, and said holding portions being elastically deformable outside, and a planar first lock piece-pieces disposed along said flexible portion-portions, respectively, for said first lock pieces covering a portion-portions of said insert face and comprising free edges on respective inner sides of said first lock pieces with respect to the housing; and a second lock-piece generally disposed at right angles to a forefront of the flexible portion for covering a portion of an open surface adjoining the insert face;~~

wherein said lock pieces are pushed on the free edges by end-side edges of said card to open outside when ~~one a front~~ end side of said card is engaged to said engaging portion and ~~the other a rear~~ end side of said card is turned toward said housing, and said lock pieces lock said card when said card is housed in said housing space.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The housing according to claim 6, wherein at least a portion of the ~~end-free~~ edge of said first lock piece ~~pieces~~ which ~~touches said card~~ is chamfered.

8. (ORIGINAL) The housing according to claim 6 or 7, wherein said card is substantially identical in shape to said insert face.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The housing according to claim 6 or 7, wherein said flexible portions are ~~portion~~ is elastically deformable in a direction perpendicular to the turning direction of said card.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for connecting a connector having a generally rectangular card, and a housing having a generally box-shaped housing space for housing said card, said housing space including a first side face, two second side faces adjoining said first side face, and an insert face adjoining said first side face and said second side faces for admitting said inserted card, said housing having an engaging portion formed along said first side face of said housing space, and a pair of holding portions formed along said second side faces, each of said holding portions having a flexible portion extending along said second side face and elastically deformable outside, and a planar first lock piece disposed along said flexible portion for covering a portion of said insert face, and a second lock piece for covering a portion of an open surface adjoining the insert face and a forefront of the flexible portion, the open surface being generally disposed at right angles to the insert face and an extending direction ~~a forefront of the flexible portion for covering a portion of an open surface adjoining the insert face~~, the method comprising steps of:
engaging ~~one~~ a front end side of said card to said engaging portion;
turning ~~the other~~ a rear end side of said card toward said housing so as to push said lock pieces with end-side edges of said card and move ~~open~~ said lock pieces outside; and

housing said card in said housing space so as to lock said card with said lock pieces.

11. (New) The housing according to claim 6, further comprising: a second lock piece for covering a portion of an open surface adjoining the insert face and a forefront of one of the flexible portions, the open surface being generally disposed at right angles to the insert face and an extending direction of the one of the flexible portions, said second lock piece being generally disposed on the open surface from the forefront.